AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A digital camera which records, in a ~~compression~~ coded state, a plurality of frames of main ~~images~~ image data and a plurality of frames of size-reduced ~~images~~ image data which are obtained by successive picture-taking operations to a recording medium, comprising:

a main image ~~compressor~~ coder for ~~compressing~~ coding a single frame of main image data every time a single picture-taking operation is carried out so as to create a single frame of ~~compressed~~ coded main image data which is reduced in a data amount prior to the taking of the next successive picture;

a main image writer for writing the single frame of ~~compressed~~ coded main image data to an internal memory every time a single ~~compressing~~ coding operation is carried out by said main image ~~compressor~~ coder; and

a size-reduced image ~~compressor~~ coder for ~~compressing~~ coding the plurality of frames of size-reduced ~~images~~ image data after ending the successive picture taking operations.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A digital camera according to claim 1, further comprising:

a size-reduced image creator for respectively creating the plurality of frames of size-reduced ~~images~~ image data based on a plurality of frames of the ~~compressed~~ coded main ~~images~~ image data held by said internal memory after ending the successive picture taking operations, wherein

said size-reduced image ~~compressor compresses~~ coder codes the plurality of frames of size-reduced ~~images~~ image data created by said size reduced image creator.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A digital camera according to claim 2, wherein said size-reduced image creator includes a ~~decompressor to decompress~~ decoder to decode the plurality of frames of ~~compressed~~ coded main ~~images~~ image data held by said internal memory so as to create a plurality of frames of ~~decompressed images~~ decoded main image data, and a thinner to perform thinning out on the plurality of frames of ~~decompressed~~ decoded main ~~images~~ image data so as to create the plurality of frames of size-reduced ~~images~~ image data.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A digital camera according to claim 1, further comprising:

a size-reduced image creator for creating a single frame of size-reduced image data every time the single picture-taking operation is carried out; and

a size-reduced image writer for writing the single ~~frame~~ of size-reduced image <u>data</u> to said internal memory every time a single creating operation is carried out by said size-reduced image creator, wherein said size-reduced image ~~compressor compresses~~ <u>coder codes</u> the plurality of <u>frames of</u> size-reduced ~~images~~ <u>image data</u> held by said internal memory after ending the successive picture taking operations.